



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### Level 3 School Operations

As of Monday 8 November, schools will move to [Level 3 School Operations](#) as advised by NSW Health and NSW Department of Education. This is excellent news, as we will be able to go ahead with some modified school events that are so important for our students, families and teachers. Any excursions or in-school events that meet the new guidelines will be able to proceed and parents will be notified accordingly. Please note that due to cohorting restrictions and the interruptions experienced this year, formal Celebration of Learning Assemblies will not take place. Kindergarten and Year 6 Graduation ceremonies will go ahead with modifications.

#### School Counsellor Day

Wednesday 10 November is School Counsellor and School Psychologist Recognition Day. We would like to recognise Mrs Valerie Dreghorn and Ms Sandra Vine for the incredible work they do for Middle Harbour students, their families, and our staff at school. This year has been particularly challenging for families and we are grateful for the support of our counselling team that have connected with our students, shown empathy and compassion, fostering hope, and helping them through personal life circumstances, learning and behavioural challenges.



#### Remembrance Day



On Thursday 11th November, we will stop to observe a minute's silence to remember and honour the members of the armed forces who passed away in the line of duty. Students in Year 2 will lead the school through a virtual assembly. Students and teachers are invited to wear a poppy which is the enduring symbol of remembrance of the First World War and is strongly linked to Armistice Day.

#### Planning for 2022

A reminder that if you have information relating to your child's class placement in 2022 which you feel we need to be made aware, please advise the school by completing the following form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VHRW969> .

#### Please note:

- Requests for special consideration should focus on the learning and wellbeing needs of your child
- Selection of teacher is not an option
- Complete this form even if you have made these requests in previous years.

While we will take this information into consideration when forming classes, not all requests will be met, owing to the many factors that need to be considered when forming classes.

The link to submit special considerations for class placements will remain open until **5pm on Friday 26 November**. Please kindly note that the school will not be able to consider 2022 class placement requests after this time.

*Laura Barry*  
Principal

## NOT RETURNING TO MHPS IN 2022?

### 2022 Enrolment Intentions

We are currently in the process of planning for 2022. This includes the large task of determining staffing, classes, the location of each class in the school and the learning programs that will run next year. To complete this process, it is essential that we have accurate enrolment numbers. It is especially important that we know if your child is not returning to Middle Harbour for the start of the 2022 school year. Kindly complete [this online form](#) by **Wednesday 10 November**.

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Opportunity Class Placement for Year 5 2022

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held at our school on the morning of Wednesday 17 November 2021. Students must arrive at school by 9 am. Parents should have received by email a 'Test authority' letter which students are required to bring as a printed copy on the day of the test. Go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> to find the 'Test information for parents and students' bulletin which contains very important information about the test, including how to access the familiarisation test. This bulletin should be read carefully.

### Tell Them From Me parent and student surveys



### Tell Them From Me

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me parent survey. The survey will provide us with valuable data which is used for school planning and supporting system and school improvement.

The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

To ensure confidentiality, participating parents/carers will be able to complete the survey at home by going to <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/bmr7c>. The survey typically takes 20 minutes or less to complete. The survey will close on Sunday 28 November 2021.

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be participating in the student Tell Them From Me survey which identifies strengths and successes, as well as areas to target for improvement. If you would prefer your child to opt-out of the survey, please email the school with attention to Mrs Jaye by Wednesday 10 November.

### INTENTION TO APPLY FOR YEAR 7 PLACEMENT IN A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL IN 2023

As a reminder to Year 5 families, applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2023 will be accepted from **19 October 2021 to 17 November 2021**. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2023, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2022.

Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/select...>

This information was previously emailed to parents/carers.

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form will be available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

## MHPS Giving Tree

### Supporting Dalwood Spilstead Early Intervention and Support Services

The spirit of giving infuses the holiday season. At Middle Harbour PS we have the opportunity to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. This year we are supporting families at Dalwood Spilstead Early Intervention and Support Services by providing food or gifts. They would like **unwrapped gifts** for children, or hampers for families:

#### Hamper item ideas

- Non perishable food
- Celebration foods – ie. packaged confectionary (lollies, chocolates, pringles)
- Toiletries ie. shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, moisturiser
- Christmas decorations

#### Gifts for children

Age range	Toy Preference
0-2 years	puzzles, cause and effect, stacking, transport, bubbles, musical toys, sand/water play, books
2-4 years	playdoh + tools, construction, puzzles, home corner, dolls house, sand/water play, dress ups, music
4-6 years	threading, craft, dolls house/furniture, imaginative play ie doctor, science, games, home corner, water/outdoor play
6-8 years	magnetic tiles, construction, kinetic sand, lego, threading/craft, shopkins (or similar), transport, puzzles, science, games
8-12 years	boogie boards, board games, experiment kits, craft kits – anything not computer related!



If you would like to leave a gift beneath the tree it can be found at the front office up until Friday 10 December.



#### End of Term 4

The last day of school for students is Thursday, 16 December. Friday is a School Development Day (pupil free day).

*Carole Jaye*  
Deputy Principal

## PERSONAL BEST



Congratulations to Harry D who achieved his personal best score to come second in the Men's A grade competition on the weekend at his local golf club.

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2022

We are currently working on flexible arrangements for both virtual and other COVID-safe measures to be able to provide our Kindergarten 2022 students and their families with a sense of connection and transition to Middle Harbour PS over the coming months. Enrolling your child now assists the school to plan for Kindergarten numbers for transition and classes next year. To enrol, please complete an online application via [this link](#).



To be eligible for enrolment at our school, your residential address must be within our local area. Unfortunately, as we are above our enrolment cap we are not able to accept out-of-area enrolments at this time.

Further information about online enrolment can be found on our website [here](#)

## CANTEEN NEWS

Our new canteen provider, Healthy Kids Association will commence operations on Monday 22 November! Online orders are available through flexischools. Please look out for further information on the new menu and canteen procedures in the coming week.



Healthy Kids Association is a health promotion charity and member organisation which works closely with schools, canteens, government, health professionals, food companies and families to improve access to nutritious food and educate children and families on how to make healthy choices for a healthy life.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Our library will be closed for borrowing under Level 3 Plus settings when students return. Our eBook catalogue will remain available to all students and families.

## UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open for online orders only through flexischools. Please place your order and the uniform shop will deliver to your child's classroom.



# Kids Cottage Kids Christmas Party 'Under the Sea'

With the end of the year fast approaching we are getting everything finalised for our Kids Christmas Party on **Friday 10th of December from 3:30pm to 6pm**. Spaces are limited to get your bookings in quick for a fun afternoon full of Christmas cheer, we will even be getting a visit from Santa himself!

The theme is Under the Sea and we will have Christmas crafts, jumping castle, nerf war, snow cones and fairy floss and games along with BBQ for afternoon tea. Throughout the afternoon we will have the Christmas tunes pumping to get us all into the festive spirit and a surprise guest!

Our Christmas Party will be kicking off at 3:30pm during our After School Care Session. Just a reminder that sadly due to Covid restrictions we will only be able to have the children who are booked into Cottage that afternoon attend the Christmas Party, so make sure you get your bookings in so your children can enjoy an afternoon of merriment. We are also very sad to say that again due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to have parents at the event so we suggest that you plan to collect your children at 6pm so they do not miss out on any of the fun!

If you would like to book your child/ren in for the Kids Cottage Christmas Party please send us an email to [info@kidscottagemiddleharbour.com](mailto:info@kidscottagemiddleharbour.com).

Kindest Regards,  
The Kids Cottage Team

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER	
T4 Wk 6 -Thursday 11	Years 3-6 English ICAS – Registered Participants only 3.15 to 4.15
T4 Wk 7 – Thursday 18	Years 3-6 Maths ICAS – Registered Participants only 3.15 to 4.15
T4 Wk 8 – Thursday 25	Years 3-6 Science ICAS – Registered Participants only 3.15 to 4.15
T4 Wk 8 – Friday 26	School photo day
DECEMBER	
T4 Wk 11 – Monday 13	Year 6 Farewell Event TBC
T4 WK 11- Thursday 16	Last day of school for Students

**Red** indicates the event has changed or been added since previous newsletter